REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 28, 2006, Applicant elects Group II, including Claims 8-19 and 25-27 without traverse. Examination on the merits is requested at the earliest possible date.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

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